



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 2018, requesting that the National Park Service (NPS) conduct a reconnaissance survey on a site in Springfield, Illinois associated with the Springfield Race Riot of 1908.

I am pleased to inform you that the NPS will conduct the requested reconnaissance survey. The survey will determine if the referenced site, located near Carpenter Street, merits further consideration as a potential unit of the National Park System through a Congressionally-authorized special resource study. A summary report on the survey findings will be prepared and sent to your office once the transmittal review process is complete. Expenditures for such reconnaissance surveys by law may not exceed \$25,000.

Under existing workloads, the reconnaissance survey will likely begin in early 2019. The length of time for any survey project is dependent on the complexity of the site(s) and available staff resources.

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support for, the NPS. The NPS Midwest Regional Office will provide the overall direction of the study team assigned to the project. Please contact Mr. Tokey Boswell, Chief, Midwest Region Planning and Compliance Division, should you have further questions regarding the reconnaissance survey process. Mr. Boswell can be reached via email at [Tokey\\_Boswell@nps.gov](mailto:Tokey_Boswell@nps.gov) or at 402-661-1534.

Sincerely,

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cc: Regional Director, Midwest Region